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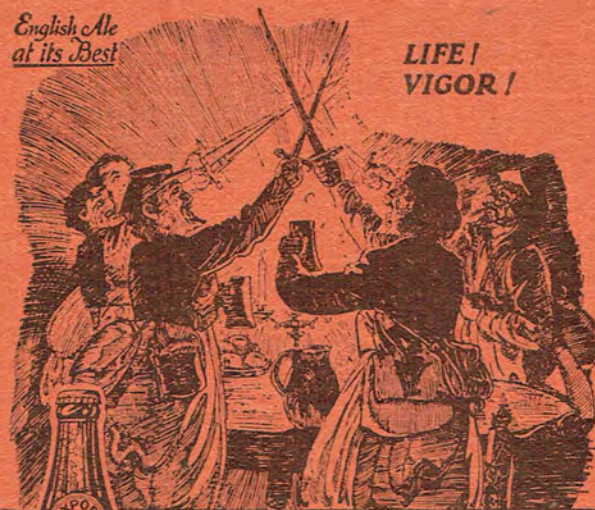
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OUR COVER ILLUSTRATION.

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa, were organized on May 23rd, 1872. It is one of the oldest non-permanent Cavalry Regiments in the Dominion. It was re-organized in June 1920, and is now commanded by Lt.-Colonel L. P. Sherwood, with Major Blue as second in command. It is one of the three non-permanent mounted units who are now trained as cavalry, and they are employed to furnish mounted escorts when needed at the Capital City.

The P.L.D.G. are very closely linked with the Royal Canadian Dragoons since the late war, a great number of the personnel having served with the R.C.D., including—Lt.-Col. Sherwood, who was troop officer in "C" Sqn., and afterwards second in command of "A" Sqn.; Major Blue, Major C. Olmstead, D.C.M., M.M., Capt. H. N. Bate, Capt. T. G. Birkett, R.S.M. W. Doxey, Lieut. W. J. Maxwell, No. 8 Fire Station, Ottawa; Lieut. J. Albert, No. 11 Fire Station, Ottawa; Ex-Cpl. W. Berry, No. 10 Fire Station, Ottawa; Mr. Walter Squires, Ottawa.

THE SCHUYLER RAIDS.

In August, 1690, when Frontenac was at Montreal, rejoicing in a prosperous fur trade with the now friendly Indians of the Upper Lakes, warning was given of the mustering of a large English force, with Iroquois allies, at Lake George. Later reports dispelled the original alarm, for, although a formidable force was actually assembled there under General Winthrop, it disintegrated and the advance upon Montreal was abandoned. Capt. John Schuyler was, however, permitted to make a raid into Canada. With twenty-nine whites and one hundred and twenty Indians he descended the Richelieu, going nearly to Chambly, fell suddenly upon Laprairie, when Frontenac had just gone with his soldiers, and killed or captured twenty-five. All outbuildings were burnt, but the fort was

not attacked. His Iroquois allies refused to attempt to storm that. In the following year another war party descended the Richelieu, under Major Peter Schuyler's command. This force numbering 260, and nearly half white men, was more formidable. Leaving his canoes under a guard at a point near the site of the present city of St. Johns, he marched through the forest and fell upon Laprairie. His coming was expected, and Calieres, the local governor of Montreal, had a force ready to receive him, but Schuyler caught him unawares, struck his blow and withdrew. He was followed, took refuge in a neighbouring ravine, repulsed the attack of the French superior force and then, having inflicted great loss, slowly retired towards his canoes on the Richelieu. He soon found his progress challenged, a French force, led by Valrenne, and reinforced by Hurons and Algonquins, marched from Chambly, hoping to take Schuyler in the rear as he marched on Laprairie. At a point about four miles beyond St. Luc village, now called by the inhabitants, "La Bataille," the two forces met and a bloody battle was fought. Valrenne failed in his purpose of driving Schuyler back upon the superior force at Laprairie. Again and again the combatants were mingled in deadly combat, and Schuyler finally broke through, leaving about forty men dead upon the field. He found his canoes safe at St. Johns and retreated to Albany. The cairn unveiled on Sept. 23, marks the scene of this bloody encounter.

LAPRAIRIE CELEBRATES 250TH ANNIVERSARY.

On Sept. 23rd, Laprairie lived over again the days of 1667, in celebration of the 250th birthday of the village that commenced its historic existence as a military outpost protecting the infant settlement of Ville Marie, later to grow into Montreal, island metropolis of the Dominion.

With religious ceremonies, ded-

ication of monuments, pageant, fete de nuit, and a gathering of direct descendants of British, French and Iroquois pioneers and soldiers whose names rest imperishable in the history of the Seigneurie de La Prairie Madeleine, the town observed the unique anniversary.

The staunch stone houses in the quaint old world streets, reminiscent of Old France were gaily bedecked with the Union Jack, Tricolour and garlands of flowers. Horsemen in breast plate and surcoat of the 17th century, strikingly clad Zouaves and groups of Iroquois from Caughnawaga arrayed in ceremonial panoply formed the advance guard of crowds from all sections of the old Seigneurie that jammed the town, to the site of the original worshipping place, built in 1687, where a service was held by Mgr. J. Forbes, Bishop Coadjutor of Uganda.

The main ceremony of the day took place in the afternoon in the little park between the river and the town that marks the site of the old fort, erected in 1687. Under the trees were gathered thousands from the country side, lines of school children, both French and Indian, the Zouaves and a detachment of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, under S/Sgt. W. Ellis, from St. Johns, Que., who formed the guard of honour. Brig-General E. A. Cruikshank, of Ottawa, representative of the Historic Sites Monument Board of Canada and the Dept. of the Interior, unveiled a 20 foot stone cairn with a bronze plaque setting forth the history of Laprairie Fort. The foot of the cairn was then soon smothered with flowers placed there by the neighbouring towns and parishes. Next came the speech making, of the kind invariably heard on such like occasions, and the usual flowery compliments and bouquets were passed from one speaker to the other.

The scene of activities was then shifted to La Bataille, east of the town, where the British and French twice met in the 17th Century. Brig-General Cruikshank, unveiled one more cairn and Mr. Roch Lanctot, M.P. for the district, inaugurated the St. Johns-Chateauguay boulevard. A troop of "A" squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, under Lt. L. D. Hammond formed the guard of honour. Some more speeches were made and the Iroquois, gay in beaded leather robes, war paint and plumes re-enacted, to a delighted pale-face audience, historic scenes. French cavaliers gathered as the Indian scenes ended, lines of floats depicting historic incidents in the life of Laprairie, formed into procession, and with bands and thousands of

townspeople returned to the town, which gave itself over during the evening to watching fireworks and enjoying band concerts.

Old Comrades,

The following list concludes the names and addresses of the old comrades residing in M.D. No. 2:

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By Lieut.-Colonel E. D. Miller,
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(President County Polo Ass'n.)

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Service Institution, London.)

In the April number of the Cavalry Journal I wrote a short article on the choosing of a Polo Pony, and in this article I propose to give a few hints on the training of the pony when bought.

We will conclude that the class of pony bought is one with a good mouth, broken well as a hack, and with a certain amount of age and condition on her. I say her advisedly, as one has a much better chance of success with a mare than with a gelding. Age is a most important point; for, if a man means to get a lot of polo out of a first season pony, one must remember that most of the troubles of equine life occur before the pony is six years old. After this age one is not nearly so likely to be troubled with coughs, splints, curbs and sprains, especially if one is lucky enough to secure a pony that has been well hunted and well fed—in fact, an animal that has gone through the mill and is still sound, and one that has proved that it can stand corn and still retain a placid temperament.

Of course, someone has got to take on the four and five year old ponies, but it is only the exceptional young pony that will stand much hard work at that age, for the risk is far greater, and no one can rely on a young pony in its first season.

The training must be slow and progressive. All lessons must be learnt at a slow pace first and the lessons must be learned perfectly before the pace is increased.

The first lesson taught must be to stop straight and then to rein back. This point must be mastered at a walk: the pupil must be treated very gently and must not be forced to rein back, for his body and his muscles must be trained at the same time as his mouth. Balance is achieved in this manner, and if treated gradually and gently his head is got into the right position, his mouth is improved, and the muscles of his hind legs and hind quarters are got under control. If the pony is forced into it, damage may be done to his mouth before the muscles of his hind quarters are trained to stand the strain of reining back, an exercise which he has never put these

muscles to before. It often takes several lessons before he will rein back a single pace collectively.

When this first lesson has been mastered at a walk and he will stop straight and will rein back half a dozen paces collectedly, the pace should be increased to a gentle canter, stopping straight and reining back a few paces and starting again at the canter on either leg from the rein back. All the work should now be done with one hand only on the reins.

The best way to do this is to make the pony canter round the school, or, if in the open, on the circle, on the right rein off fore and off hind leading. After proceeding round the circle in a collected manner with a loose rein, proceed down the centre, halt, rein back a pace or two and start again at the canter, near fore and near hind leading, and near hind leading, and so on, next time starting him on the right rein with off fore and off hind leading. Keep on at this lesson for half an hour, with short pauses for rest.

A pony should not be taught to turn on his hocks, i.e., the figure of 8, till this lesson is mastered: because, till he can do this lesson collectedly, there is too much strain on his mouth and hind quarters, and he is very likely to sprawl about if forced to hange before his muscles are in trim. Also, it is very likely to have the effect of making him turn on his forefeet, instead of on his hocks—a very bad fault; whereas, if he is taught to stop straight and rein back correctly and work his hocks properly, there will be no difficulty in making him do his turns properly on the haunches.

The next lesson to be learnt is as follows:—

1. Canter round the school (or circle, if in the open) on the right rein.
2. Halt.
3. Rein back.
4. Right about turn on the haunches.
5. Start at a canter round the school (or circle, if in the open) on the left rein.
6. Halt.
7. Rein back.
8. Left about turn.
9. Start at a canter on the right rein round the school, and so on.

When a pony is perfect at these two exercises, then, and not till then, should the figure of 8 be taught.

The preliminary training should be done with a smooth, rather heavy single snaffle and a martingale. The reining back should also be taught on the snaffle. When the training is fairly advanced, a light double bridle may be

substituted for the snaffle, but even then the snaffle should be used much more than the curb.

Concurrently with the above training, stick and ball can be taught, at a walk first, and, when thoroughly broken, at a walk, then at a canter. A pony can be trained from 1½ to 2 hours a day without risk, but the above exercises should not last longer than half an hour, the remainder of the lesson consisting of walking and cantering with stick and ball and exercises on the roads and change of scene.

When you take your pupil for a ride along the roads, always be teaching him something. I always make my young ponies canter slowly on the roads, first leading with one leg, then with the other; well bred ponies will learn to canter on hard roads and not knock themselves about any more than they do trotting, and trotting is not a pace that is ever required at Polo.

Opening and shutting gates and taking the pony through villages and towns and in all sorts of traffic all helps with the training; and it is a good thing, if possible, to take them to different training grounds and fresh fields not near home. If you always train in the same field, especially near home, ponies are very apt to become cunning.

The Figure of 8.

Start on the right, circle inward fore and inward hind leg leading, complete the circle. The change is then made by collecting the pony with both reins, applying a strong pressure on the right thigh and drawn back right leg behind the girth, pressing the right rein on the right side of the neck. The pony will now turn to the left and will form the other loop of the figure 8 by circling to the left with the inward fore leg and inward hind leg leading. Great care must be taken if, when the pony turns, he does not instantly change his legs before and behind, not to attempt to force him to do so at the canter. This will have the effect of making him sprawl and go disconnectedly; he must be instantly collected and pulled back for a pace or two at the trot and made to start again with the inward legs, both fore and hind, leading. If a pony is cantering falsely, i.e., on right fore and left hind, or left fore and right hind leg, he must in the same way be instantly collected and pulled back for a pace or two to the trot, and started again on the correct leg fore and hind.

The pony's education must then be proceeded with in company. He must be taught to meet other

ponies, to ride off and to gallop alongside other ponies without racing them.

The most important thing to teach a pony is to go with a loose rein in all paces, proportionately to the tension exerted on the mouth-piece of the bit.

Some Hints on Training the Pony to Stick and Ball.

First train the pony to stand the stick being waved all round him without a ball, and, when he is quite quiet and has lost all fear of the stick, begin tapping a ball about; don't hit hard till he is thoroughly accustomed to the ball. Be very careful to avoid hitting him on the legs. Don't try back-handers till he is trained to forward strokes.

Don't, when hitting a back-hander, turn on the ball, but ride him past the ball and turn alternately right and left about; if you turn on the ball just as it is has been struck and turn the same way each time the pony will learn the trick of turning before the ball is hit, which puts you off your stroke; he should not know which way he has to turn.

If you can, get another pony to accompany you; you will train your pony more quickly, as every

pony likes company, and he will not then get sick of it nearly so quickly; also the other man can hit the same ball that you are using or another, and your pupil begins to learn that the game is played in company, also a sticky pony will often follow another, when he will shy off the ball if alone.

Increase the pace gradually till you have him thoroughly broken to all strokes at a gallop.

Try to get the pony to go with a loose head at all paces; but, if you must hold him in, be careful to loose his head when you strike the ball; for, if you keep him tight by the head, you are almost certain to job him in the mouth at the moment of striking the ball. The result of this is that the act of striking the ball is connected in the pony's mind with a job in the mouth, the pain of which will make him shy off the ball.

One of the best exercises possible is backhand hitting on both sides of the pony, at a canter first, and then at a gallop, always being careful to turn about alternate ways right and left about, and making the pony change his legs before and behind at the moment of turning. This is the best possible exercise and practice both for the man and the pony, as it gives the man plenty of practice in back-

hand hitting and makes the pony do continual elongated figures of eight, which is the best possible exercise for making him handy. The figure can be varied, for you can either make a regular figure of eight, or you can pull him up straight after hitting the ball, and turn him round on his hocks and start him again at the canter or gallop as his education proceeds.

The last stage of the training, before putting your pupil into a club game, is, if possible, to get up cantering games, two or three aside, so as to get him accustomed to other ponies and sticks flying about, riding off and meeting other ponies, &c. In a regiment with keen subalterns this should always be possible in the spring, and can be carried out even in a rough field, and, of course, is a very much simpler matter in India.

Current Events.

The British Troops have at last left Constantinople. A good many months have elapsed since they went there, and at times it looked as if the small force would have to be augmented, in order to defend the line that they had taken up. Fortunately, more sane council prevailed at Angora and with

firmness and extraordinary tact on the part of General Sir Charles Harrington, trouble was averted.

The situation in Germany becomes more obscure every day. Herr Cuno has given place to Herr Stresemann, who has since made himself Dictator, not of the Mussolini type, but a Dictator nevertheless. Bavaria promises to give trouble to the Reich with its widespread and intense Royalist tendencies. A Rhenish Republic would probably suit the plans of one European Nation in a political way, but apart from that it does not tend toward stability or peace. "Divide and rule" is true from a ruling standpoint, but unsound economically. Austria and Russia have been further divided as a result of the war into small states none of them strong enough to defend themselves or be economically independent. To stand sponsor to any further effort of this nature is the height of folly for any country, especially where the sponsor of this movement hopes to collect reparations as well. It does not spell "Security" and it gives Germany one more excuse for avoiding just debts.

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months, apparently owing to a difference of opinions and interests among the Allies. The net result was, however, the Turk got back his frontiers to Maritza River and is as influential in the Near East as ever.

It is remarkable that the Imperial Conference, now in session, appears to have opened discussions on the subject of Preference within the Empire generally and dried fruit and tobacco in particular. At any rate no matter what the opening discussion was, it will be a help to all the Dominions, and each Dominion can see what the problems of the other are and how they can co-operate. In any case it is bound to have far reaching results. One has only to read the journals of other countries to see how seriously its probable results are considered.

England's war-time premier, The Right Hon. David Lloyd George is at present touring the Dominion. His speeches at various places, which fill the columns of the daily papers are models of clearness and tact while at the same time strong enough to impress upon all the importance of the points touched upon. One only has to hear him speak to realize what a dynamic personality he must have been in the Empire's Councils.

Here and There.

The first annual Horse Show under the auspices of the C. S. P. C. A. was held in Montreal last month. This was the first event of its kind held for some years, it attracted a large number of people to the Mount Royal Arena, where it was held, and so successful was it in the matter of entries, and the interest displayed, that it is hoped to make the function an annual event. The whole programme was carried out smoothly, and although the time-table was a little late, there was no hitch.

"A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, was represented by Major E. L. Caldwell, Capt. R. B. Leblanc and Lt. L. D. Hammond, who scored with their mounts.

In the Hunters and Jumpers Class, up to carry 175 lbs. or under Lt. Hammond; on Polly, won first prize, after giving a perfect performance over the jumps.

In the teams of three hunters or jumpers, ridden by officers in uniform, Major Caldwell's Mickey, Capt. Leblanc's Billy, and Lt. Hammond's Polly, obtained second prize.

In the officers' chargers class, Major Caldwell took third prize on Mickey.

In the open jumping competition over triple bars, Lt. Hammond on Billy, took second prize.

The rosettes won by these horses have been placed over the entrance to their stable.

The following is a cutting from the Manitoba Free Press, Sept. 14th, 1923:—

Twenty-five Years Ago Today— 1898.

"The Royal Canadian Dragoons held their annual football meeting, electing Capt. Williams president."

At this time "B" Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons were stationed at Winnipeg. About 1901 they were transferred to Toronto, Ont., leaving behind a few of the personnel which formed the nucleus of the newly organized Canadian Mounted Rifles, later known as the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles and now known as Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). Capt. Williams mentioned in the above cutting later became Colonel commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons. Shortly before the war broke out he was appointed Adjutant General and during the war he commanded the 8th Canadian Infantry Brigade, now as Major General V. A. S. Williams, C.M.G., in command of the Ontario Provincial Police.

A news item from Paris, dated September 26th, states, that while the 34th Aviation Regiment was carrying out manoeuvres at Gazaux, in the Girondé, Lieut. Morand flying as a passenger, suddenly called out to the pilot: "I am wounded, land quickly."

When the machine reached the ground the Lieutenant was found to have been shot through the left shoulder and was bleeding profusely. No indication exists, whatsoever, as to where the stray bullet can have come from high up in the air, with no other airplane near.

We would remind our readers that on this date the 5th annual shoot of the 4th M.D.R.A. was held at Pointe aux Trembles ranges, Montreal. Probably one of the shots fired at 600 yards, which were signalled by the red flag, ignoring the law of gravity, careered through space until it eventually reached France. This in our opinion is the most reasonable solution of the mystery.

A challenge has been received by the Sergeants' Mess from the Sub/Staff of M.D. No. 4, to play a game of soccer in St. Johns on Wednesday, Oct. 17th. This will be a game well worth seeing, as an exhibition of high class football is to be expected. The following

players will represent the H.Q.: Fish, goal; Abery and Johnson, backs; Myers, Benford, Jackson, half-backs; Burton, Leach, Todd, Kevins, Sprostin, forwards. The Sergeants' Mess are keeping the names of their team a secret until a thorough try-out has been given to all the prospective players. In the event of the present weather conditions continuing it is suggested that snowshoes be worn.

Capt. M. H. Drury and Sgt. R. Davis have returned from the Small Arms School, Ottawa.

Bill Powers, our ex-furnace-man who handed in his kit last July has met with an accident, causing the loss of a finger. He is now at Mount Vernon, Indianapolis, Ind., U.S.A. Tough luck, Bill.

Sgt. "Pete" Merrix has been doing the jolly old recruiting sergeant stunt in Montreal.

The following officer and N. C. O's are attached to the Royal School of Cavalry for instruction: Lieut. R. S. Black, 8th N.B. Hrs.; Sgt. L. Lindley, 8th N.B. Hrs.; Sgt. M. B. Spinney, 6th K.M.R. (N.S.); Sgt. A. D. Clarke, 6th K.M.R. (N.S.).

On Friday the 5th inst., "A" Squadron rode to Chambly, Que.; the change was enjoyed by all ranks although the weather was cold and everybody got drenched in a rain storm on the return trip.

A detachment of about 25 petty officers and other ratings from H.M.S. "Valerian" were the guests of "A" Squadron at the mounted sports, on Sept. 29th. The "Valerian" is a sister ship of the "Wisteria," some of whose crew visited here on Victoria Day. All ranks thoroughly enjoyed the display of horsemanship given by the various riders during the afternoon. The Navy were very keen to try their luck in some of the events, but this pleasure had to be denied them owing to the horses being mostly remounts. We noticed a P.O. riding one of the old horses, he was wearing a blue patrol of Sgt. King's, he said, when asked how he liked riding, "Fine, when the horse saw me in this coat, he took me for a cavalry man, and he was quite nice to me."

A party of 25 W.O's, N.C.O's and Men visited Montreal on Wed. Oct. 3rd, as the guests of the crew of H.M.S. "Valerian." An entertainment was held at the Prince of Wales' Barracks, Drummond St. The music was furnished by Bud's famous Family Orchestra. The proceedings lasted well into the wee sma' hours, and friendships

formed the previous Saturday at St. Johns were renewed for time everlasting. The personnel of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., who accepted the invitation extend their heartiest thanks and best wishes to the P.O.'s and other ratings of the "Valerian" who went to so much trouble to give them a good time.

Staff Sgt. Lepage, R.C.O.C. visited barracks last week on the annual inspection of arms.

Sgt. J. Hallet, "B" Sqn. R.C.D. did the best shooting of all who attended the Canadian School of Small Arms at Consaught Ranges, Ottawa, this year.

Lt.-Col. W. K. Walker, D.S.O., M.C., a former officer of the R.C.D., now commandant of the Canadian School of Small Arms, Ottawa, was a visitor here last Saturday.

Notes at Random

The ocean bed in parts of the Southern Atlantic is reported to have risen nearly two miles. This is what comes of "dry" line passengers throwing the empties overboard.

Chief "Long-Drink-of-Water" paid a visit to London a short time ago. We are told that the Scotsmen tumbled over one another in their anxiety to shout "What's yours?" at him.

General Hoffman, in his newly published memoirs, assures us that Germany would have won the war if only she had delayed the use of poison gas and submarines until she had accumulated a larger stock of these tactical weapons. It may be so; but it has also been argued that the Allies would have won the war sooner if only they had delayed the use of tanks until they had made more of them and perfected them. Honours in this argument seem to be even.

It has just been discovered that some parsnip-seeds planted by an amateur gardener at the back of the married quarters, in barracks, have burst into bloom as hollyhocks. But what did the amateur gardener expect? Parsnips?

A branch of the Methodist Church, in Canada, is prescribing that its ministers must be non-smokers. The restriction will sadly narrow the field of choice. It would, for example, have excluded the famous Chas. Haddon Spurgeon, who once announced from his pulpit at Newington Butts, that he intended, as soon as he got home, to show his apprecia-

tion of the good gifts of the Creator by "smoking a cigar to the glory of God."

Bar gold and silver specie to the value of something like £4,000,000 have been recovered off the Irish coast, as a result of the salvage operations conducted by the Navy at the spot where the White Star liner Laurentic was sunk by a German submarine in 1917. The vessel went down fifteen miles from Lough Swilly in twenty fathoms of water. The salvage operations have been carried on by divers from H.M.S. Racer, the Admiralty salvage ship, guarded by destroyers. The old members of the regiment will remember that the Laurentic was the boat we sailed on, when we started on the Great Adventure nine years ago; this month.

Four hundred U.S. collegiate women, spectacled and serious arrived in New York recently, having spent a month in Europe studying the educational systems. A friend who met them on their arrival asked what they thought of Oxford and Cambridge. "Oh," said a bright young woman, "we saw neither place. But we visited the Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street. The parrot there is a peach."

Erse is now the official language of the Irish Army. We hear that an Irish Sergeant-Major, whose graphic word-pictures of recruits during the late war were the envy of the command, has now taken a fortnight off to say in Erse what he thinks in English of a certain recruit whose third button needed polishing.

A crocodile killed in Tanganyika was found to contain eight screws; a tin-opener, a piece of rope, a packet of pins and a tin can. The local mystery of a missing Ford car has thus been cleared up.

Fire broke out on a Monday and again on the following Friday in a barn at Iberville, Que. It is not known where the fire was in the meantime.

Sir Thomas Lipton stated recently that it is a great pity the America Cup remains in America, as they have nothing to put in it. We understand that Mr. "Pussy-foot" Johnson has been acquainted of this oversight.

In view of the offer of an English newspaper of a thousand pounds for successful Channel swimmers, there is no truth in the rumor that it has been decided to alter it to a million for the first swimmer who crosses the Atlantic.

CIGARETTE COMMENDED.

Most Suitable Form of Smoke, Says Medical Authority.

Commendation of the cigarette as the most suitable smoke was given recently by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, formerly Health Commissioner for the city of New York and now a United States Senator. Dr. Copeland is a non-smoker and he dealt with the question from the purely scientific standpoint.

Dr. Copeland says that the cigarette is the most suitable smoke, as the tobacco taken in that form is more perfectly consumed, and as combustion is better, the nicotine is practically destroyed. "There can be no doubt," he said, "that smokers find solace and comfort in the moderate use of tobacco."

Dr. Copeland's statement confirmed the pronouncement made some years ago by the Lancet. As the result of an investigation conducted by that eminent medical journal, the Lancet announced that the cigarette is the purest form in which tobacco can be smoked.

DANCE AT THE MEN'S MESS.

On Friday evening, Sept. 21st, the N.C.O.'s and Men opened the season by entertaining their friends at a dance in the Gym. A goodly crowd was there, and all enjoyed the Jazzy syncopations furnished by the Barracks Orchestra, which showed a marked improvement, since the last time they officiated. Mrs. Swarbrick's ability at the piano is well known. Tpr. Chandler was there with the goods with his Stradivarius; Tpr. Rodney is coming along very well with the cornet; Tpr. Wheeler twanged the mandolin and guitar like a native of Honolulu, and Staff Sgt. Ellis banged away at his traps and big drum in a manner reminiscent of a 12th of July parade.

The usual refreshments were served at 11.00 p.m. Dancing was continued up to 2.30 a.m., when all returned home well pleased, and looking forward to the net dance, which it is hoped will be held in the near future.

Worse Than That.

Smith—Lots of detours in that trip, eh?

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Smith—I expect they are very hard on tires, the campers should be more careful.—New York Sun and Globe.

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Gone to England.—Major General J. H. MacBrien, accompanied by Captain J. Cummins, have left for England to attend the Imperial Conference.

Pass Inspection.—Commodore Walter Hose, director of the Naval Service, accompanied by Flag Lieut. Hibbard, made the first inspection of the Ottawa half company of the R.C.V.R. on the 19th of September. The detachment appeared in No. 1 rig and were under command of Lieut. R. Shipley, with Sub-Lieut. Burton Burney as second in command. The inspecting officer was well pleased with the smartness of the men and their work and congratulated the officers on the work done during the season, both at headquarters and at sea.

In Port.—Whilst the Captetown and her consorts did not get up as far as Ottawa this summer, the trusty subjects of the capital were not altogether forgotten. The well stocked sea-going bar, "The Sheik," Rear Admiral Stethem in command, dropped her hook opposite the Admiralty and War Office about 14th September. After the official calls had been made, the Lords of the Earth came on board and returned the same. And if the commander treated them the same way he treated me, why they must have gone away happy.

The next morning the skipper was lying in his bunk and "ting" went a bell. "One bell in the forenoon watch," quoth he. After the said "tings" had been repeated a large number of times, he came to the conclusion that there couldn't be that many ship's clocks in port, and finally discovered after a bit of detective work that the said "tings" came from the time clocks in the War Office and Admiralty, which were being punched by the civil staff. The Sheik dropped down the stream on the afternoon of the 16th.

Dragoons mobilize.—From all accounts the R.C.D. were pretty short of officers on the 14th of September. I saw Roy Nordheimer, Terry Newcomen, Bill Baty, Sleuth Stethem, Boy Drury and Frank Sawers all on the street. Where were the rest?

Raiders.—Extract from report of Sergeant Gordon Gyn, R.C.M.P. Commanding Royal Mint Guard Detachment, Ottawa: "On the evening of the 13th/14th September, Constable Beerhound, A Division, on duty patrol, drew my attention to the suspicious actions of a rakish looking craft which was

stealing up the deep reaches of the Ottawa River, near the foot of the bluff on which the Mint is situated. The craft was steaming along under a slow bell when first noticed and a small naval gun of undetermined calibre could be seen on her deck. She came to a stop and dropped her anchor. Fearing an attack on the Mint, I phoned for assistance and a squadron of Horse Marines were dispatched. Several bottles were observed floating away during the evening and it was thought that these may have contained messages to sister ships down the stream below Rockcliffe. No attempt was made to land and the ship proceeded up stream in the morning. It is thought that they were in communication with a submarine through their cable, as the spot where they anchored shows 10 fathoms on the chart. The name appeared to be the "Shrek." All of which is submitted." Gordon Gyn, Sergt. R.C.M.P.

Lou on Deck.—Lieut.-Col. L. H. Beer, who was with the L.S.H. in France and who was in charge of the construction of the famous Beer-Keep at Levergieur, has been appointed Dominion Salvage Officer. Lou says that he will be able to wipe off the national debt in two years and abolish the import tax on alcohol. We don't worry very much about the former, but as for the latter, we wish the O.C. Bones and Dripping all success.

Unveil Memorial.—A memorial in memory of 183 men of the United Counties of Stormont and Glengarry, who died overseas, was unveiled at Alexandria on the 30th of September by the Governor-General in the presence of a large audience. The vice regal party were received at the station by a guard of honor of ex-service men and an address of welcome was read by Mayor Laurin. The children of the public and separate schools lined the road to the memorial which is situated on a rocky ridge overlooking the C.N. Railway. The memorial is an octagonal cairn about fifteen feet in diameter, surmounted by a Celtic cross, the whole standing thirty-five feet above the ridge. Built of stone, roughly squared, it has a most artistic appearance. At the base is a bronze tablet giving the names of the 183 who died in the war. The site was donated by Lieut.-Col. A. G. F. MacDonald, in honor of his son, Lieut. Fraser MacDonald, who was killed in Flanders. The inscription "I Remember" is in English, French and Gaelic. Besides the Governor General, the Hon. E. M. Macdonald, Minister of Defence and sev-

eral officers from Headquarters were present.

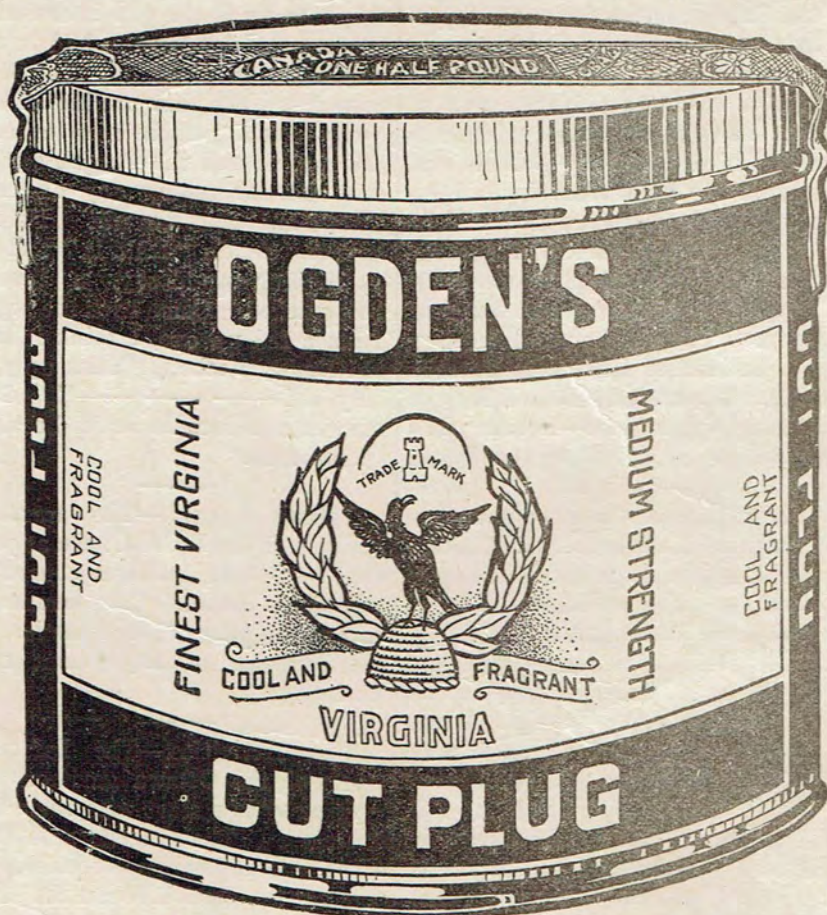
Killed Flying.—The units of the Ottawa garrison turned out in large numbers on the 1st to the funeral of the late Lieut. B. de Salaberry, eldest son of Lieut.-Col. R. de Salaberry, who was killed in a flying accident at Roberval. Interment was made at Chambly.

Old Soldier Passes.—Lieut.-Col. F. F. E. Gourdeau, Honorary Lt.-Colonel of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards and a former Deputy Minister of the Dept. of Marine passed away on the evening of the 1st instant at his residence at Ottawa after a lengthy illness. The deceased, who was in his 80th year, was one of the original officers of the P.L.D.G., joining as a second lieutenant in 1873. He assumed command in 1898 and retired in 1901. In 1903 he was appointed the honorary Lieut.-Colonel of the regiment. The colonel was a typical gentleman of the old French school, a thorough cavalry officer, a good sportsman and his passing is very much regretted by all. The funeral was held on the 3rd and the body sent to Quebec for interment. The units of the Ottawa garrison turned out and every officer of the P.L.D.G. both on the active and reserve were present. The gun carriage was manned by the R.C.M.P. of N. Division under Staff Sgt. Margettes. Six P.L.D.G. sergeants acted as pall bearers. The honorary pall bearers were Major General H. A. Panet, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel Sir Percy Sherwood, K.C.M.G., M.V.O., A.D.C., Colonel A. T. Shillington, C.A.M.C., Lieut.-Col. R. M. Courtney, P.L.D.G., Lieut.-Col. L. P. Sherwood, P.L.D.G. and Lieut.-Col. J. L. Chabot, P.L.D.G. A dismounted escort of 120 men of the P.L.D.G. under Lieut. C. E. Steeves marched ahead of the gun carriage with swords reversed. A Libra was chanted at the Sacred Heart Church after which the cortage moved to the Union Station, where the remains were transhipped to Quebec.

Dies Suddenly.—Capt. J. M. Brown, Director of Music the G.G.F.G., died suddenly on the evening of the 3rd instant. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, was married for the second time on the afternoon of the 29th September and had just returned to town from New York when taken ill. He had been connected with the Guards as bandmaster for 24 years. The remains were given a military funeral on the afternoon of the 6th, all units of the garrison being represented as well as a large number from headquarters Dept. of

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National Defence, where Captain Brown was attached to the Stationery Branch of the department.

New Books.—I understand that among the fall publications is a new reference work by Major F. Sawers entitled "On the High Seas from Connaught to Aylmer." Colonel Tiny Walker is, I understand, the writer of a very elaborate introduction. Other forthcoming publications are "With the Black Horse in the H.E.F." by Capt. M. H. A. Drury, and "Sky Pilots and Others" by Major Roy Nordheimer. It is also said that the famous historian Major W. Baty, has prepared an exhaustive thesis on "Ancient Days in Ottawa and Environs." This work will be copiously illustrated with



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Cavalry Association Meet.—The M.D. 3 delegates that have returned from the annual meeting of the Canadian Cavalry Association which was held at Winnipeg on the 17th of September are all very enthusiastic over the meeting. It was one of the best attended since the war and between 50 and 60 delegates were present. The meetings were held in the Marlborough Hotel, of which Colonel Ralph Webb, late of Montreal, is manager. Many resolutions for the good of the cavalry in general were discussed and much profitable time was spent. Among other things was a grant of prize money for the permanent force on the same lines as the non-permanent cavalry, and the convention expressed itself as being in favor of brigade camps instead of the present system of local training. It was announced at the convention that a quarterly magazine of about 100 pages containing cavalry, artillery and infantry news, would shortly appear. A strong editorial committee have been appointed from the different associations and it is intended that all cavalry units will be supplied with sufficient copies to enable each squadron to have at least four. The necessity for larger training grants and extended periods was also discussed and strong representations will be brought to bear to have the old system of at least 12 days training again started. Nickel bits, long buckets and swords for pukka cavalry all received their attention and will be brought to the notice of the department. The absolute necessity for new canvas was also touched upon. The next annual meeting will be held in Quebec in October 1924. The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—Patron, His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O., governor general of Canada; honorary president, the Hon. E. M. Macdonald, minister of national defence; honorary vice-presidents, Major-Gen. J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., chief of general staff; Gen. Sir R. E. W. Turner, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. James Walker, Brig.-Gen. C. A. Smart, C.M.G., Brig.-Gen. R. W. Patterson, C.M.G., D.S.O.; president, Col. J. R. Munro, 2nd mounted brigade; honorary secretary, Major F. B. Inkster; honorary treasurer, Lt.-Col. R. M. Courtney, R.O. The council consists of the president, past president, vice-president of each military district, the secretary and treasurer and Brig.-Gen. C. H. Nelles, C.M.G., and Lt.-Col. H. A. Stewart, D.S.O., representing the reserve officers. The president, vice-president M.D. 2, vice-

president M.D. 11, the secretary and treasurer, constitute the executive committee and the auditor is Major C. T. Kirby.

Kruger in Town.—Saw George Cruikshank in town the other day looking as swagger as of yore. In the bright days from 1916 onwards, Kruger and Ham Roberts were the dashing Gold Dust twins of the R.C.H.A. and could always be counted on for a party.

Commission to Meet.—All members of the recent Cape Breton Field Force will be interested to learn that a Royal Commission headed by Dr. J. W. Robertson, will shortly meet at Ottawa, to investigate conditions of the coal and steel industrial employees in Cape Breton. After the opening meetings the party will move to the east and work on the ground.

No Possible Error.—The opening of the football season and the advent of the Argonauts naturally brings to mind the same time a couple of years ago when Eric Cochrane used to visit Ottawa. And thinking of Shrimp reminds me of one very nice June evening in 1917 when he took out a raiding party in front of Ascension Farm. The R.C.O., had the Secundrabad brigade on their right and in order to get through the gap in the wire Shrimp and his trusties had to zig zag a bit in front of the Wog trenches. The dim outline of the party could just be seen against the skyline and the Punjab sentry was not for taking any chances. "Halt la," rent the air. No response. Again "Halt la" and as R. Kipling would say, a breech bolt snicked. Came back the reply from a fed up one, I think it was old Daddy Nichols, "Shut up you silly old ————" The answer was laconic in its brevity. "Pass fren."

Taking Course.—The warrant officers of the R.C.O.C. are at present in Ottawa taking a course in Ordnance duties. The course is under the immediate direction of the Director of Equipment and Ordnance.

Fall Activities.—The Infantry units of the Ottawa garrison are now away to a start with their fall training. The Guards and 38th Regt. are doing two evenings a week at the Drill hall and the Hull Regt. a similar number at their own headquarters.

Presentation of Colours.—The presentation of colours to the Hull Regiment will take place at an early date. It will take the form of a public ceremony and the presentation will be made by His Ex-

cellency the Governor General. The Regiment will journey to Montreal on the 10th of November to take part in the Armistice celebrations. Whilst there they will be guests of the 65th Regiment.

Fire at Connaught.—The new administration building at Connaught Ranges was damaged by fire on the evening of the 6th inst., to the extent of several hundred dollars. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney. The camp fire department under Lieut.-Col. W. K. Walker put out the blaze after a hard struggle. No help was asked from the city department.

The Last Post.

We wonder if the shot fired at No. 1 target at Pointe aux Trembles, during the annual meeting of the 4th M.D.R.A. and which could not be found on the target when it was examined, at the request of the firer, was the cause of the Aviation Officer in France being wounded.

Did Bill Hargreaves loan "Heavy" Desnoyers 50c to buy a ticket for the Plasterers' Ball?

Trooper Omelusk remarking the absence of a shoeing-smith from the ride to Chambly, said: "There is no shoe-maker, what will happen if a shoe comes off?"

A certain N.C.O.'s dreamy proclivities have been sadly missed during the past few months, but, he has recently returned from Kingston. He was in charge of a ride, in the South Drill Field, a few mornings back. He dismounted to open the lower gate to let the ride out on the Lacolle Road, when the ride had passed through he fastened the gate and mounted his horse. When he eventually awoke he discovered that he was separated from his ride by the gate, he feelingly remarked — "Gor blime, I'll havta dismount again and open that blinking gate, to let myself out."

Sgt. Merrix's recruiting trip to Montreal proved fruitless, but this was not his fault, we believe. In an interview, he stated:—"Of course things are different in Montreal now; I frequented all the most likely spots and secured some promising recruits when they were under the 'mellow influence of the cup that cheers, but the beggars never showed up for medical inspection. I got one splendid specimen of humanity, however, he was over six feet in height and weighed 110 lbs.; but, somehow the doctor did not like his appearance as

'September Morn,' consequently he was not accepted."

A couple of Cpls. heard "Pete" describing his experiences while recruiting and asked him about the chap who was six feet tall and weighed 110 lbs. "Yes," said 'Pete', "and when you come to think of it, it works out at the rate of five lbs. to the inch." The Corporals were of a mathematical turn of mind and after a little mental arithmetic, exclaimed: "You must be mistaken Sergeant, five lbs. per inch would make him weigh 360 lbs. You must mean five lbs. a foot." "Oh, yes," replied 'Pete', "that's what I meant, five lbs. a foot."

The Plasterers' Ball, organized by Tommy Howe and Trooper Geo. Green, was a great success, notwithstanding the fact that no dancing took place. Still, "where there's a will there's a way," everybody got dressed up and "plastered." Some weird costumes were on view, and "Heavy" avidly seizes the golden opportunity of borrowing fifty cents for entrance fee.

With reference to the football game to be played on Wednesday 17th inst., a little bird has just whispered that the team representing the Sgt. Mess will probably be composed of the following players: Q.M.S.I. Doyle, goal; S.S.M. Smith and Tommy Howe, backs; Q.M.S. Mauchan, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Sgt. Langley, half-backs; Sgt. King, Sgt. Sheehy, Sgt. Campbell, S.Q.M.S. Snape, Q.M.S.I. Dowdell, forwards.

Commander Evan Bruce-Gardyne, D.S.O., R.N., and Lt.-Col. J. M. Prower, D.S.O., G.S.O. M.D. No. 5, accompanied the ride to Chambly on the 5th inst. as the guests of Major E. L. Caldwell. This was quite a reunion as the last time these officers met was at the Staff College, England.

Is it a sign of backward training if a remount twitches its ears when the rider returns his rifle to the rifle-bucket.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING 4TH M.D.R. ASS'N.

This meeting was held at Pointe aux Trembles Ranges on Sept. 26th. With ideal weather conditions there was a large attendance at the matches, about 100 marksmen taking part in the various events, the main features of the day being the President's, Merchants', and Association matches. Sgt. S. Rayner, the R.C.R., won the President's Prize. The Asso-

ciation Match was won by Sgt. Thwaites, C.M.S.C. The Merchants' Match was won by Sgt. Grinham, R.C.O.C.

During the afternoon Brig.-General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., officer commanding the district, spent some time at the range. Space does not permit to give a detailed account of the shoot but we publish the names of of the competitors from "A" Sqn. R.C.D., who gained prizes in the different events:—

Tyro Match—200 yards.

Tpr. Newby, Tpr. Short, S.Q. M.S. Snape, Cpl. Jennings, Q.M. S.I. Doyle, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Cpl. Gilmore, Tpr. McCleary.

The Association Match.

Cpl. Jennings, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Tpr. McCleary, Cpl. Gilmore.

Extra Series—500 yards.

Q.M.S.I. Doyle.

The Merchants' Match.

Cpl. Jennings, Tpr. Gardiner, Q.M.S.I. Dowdell, Q.M.S.I. Doyle, Tpr. Bilton, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Tpr. McCleary, Sgt. King, Tpr. Newby, S.Q.M.S. Snape, S/Sgt. Ellis, Q.M.S. Mauchan, R.C.E., Cpl. Gilmore.

The President's Match.

Q.M.S.I. Doyle, Sgt. King, Tpr. Newby, Q.M.S. Snape, Q.M.S.I. Dowdell, Cpl. Jennings, Tpr. McCleary, Sgt. King.

Extra Series—600 yards.

Cpl. Gilmore.

Grand Aggregate.

Cpl. Jennings, Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Q.M.S.I. Doyle.

Tyro Grand Aggregate.

Cpl. Jennings (Cup), Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, Q.M.S.I. Doyle, Tpr. McCleary, Q.M.S. Mauchan, R.C.E.

HEARD ON THE RANGES AT 4TH M.D.R.A. MEETING.

Who is it that dipped the nose of his cartridge in some specially prepared dope, and then kissed the butt of his rifle before firing. Had this happened in the middle ages we wonder what would have happened to this competitor.

It is not always the individual who carries with him, on such occasions, articles such as Orthoptics and other paraphernalia who makes the best shot. This was very apparent at this meet.

Sgt. Sprostin, C.M.S.C., after several challenges on No. 1 target, wonders how he continually gets a miss signal. We would suggest a special course.

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matter with the rifle, wind, light, etc., but the individual never thinks of attaching the blame to himself.

How they all smartened up when the General came on the General came on the scene. Even Bob Edwards came to life.

Sgt. Instr. Hopkinson, commenting on the elusiveness of Targets in general and his own in particular, stated, "There's two inches of bull on that target that's not a Bull." One would expect such a statement from an ordinary mortal, but when a person of "Hoppy's" well-known exactitude commits a blunder, it leads one to believe that the Instructional Cadre must exert a demoralizing influence.

A certain Sgt. Major (I.C.) while shooting at Pointe aux Trembles recently finished one range with two misses or "lancers." As the score keeper was leaving the range the S.M. said, "Lend me your glasses a minute." "But," replied the score-keeper, "your last two rounds were misses." "That's just it," replied this member of the I.C., "I want to see where they went."

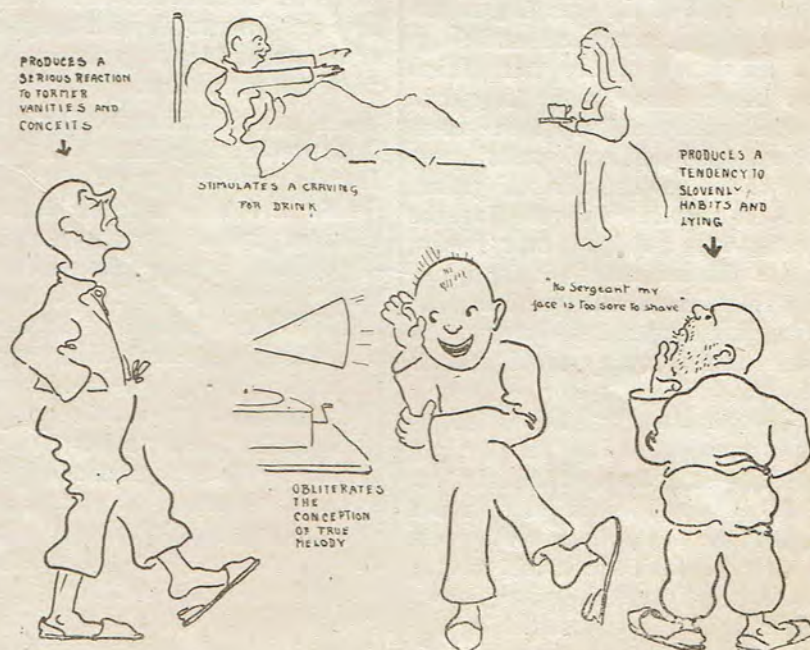
Willie's Guess.

Visitor—"How do you do, Willie? I've come to stay at your house a week and I'm sure you can't even guess who I am."

Willie—"I'll bet one thing."

Visitor—"What?"

Willie—"I'll bet you're no relation of father's."



Sketches from the Hospital.

Mounted Sports.

"A" Squadron, R.C.D.

By the permission of Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., commanding Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., the above sports were held on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29th, in magnificent weather and in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. In the morning the weather man was in a cranky mood, sending along all kinds of threatening clouds during the early hours, but he must have caught a glimpse of the preparations made by "A" Squadron R.C.D., to entertain their friends in the city and comrades of the sister service, the Royal Navy, for about noon he sent along the sun, with a gentle breeze that cleared away the clouds and made an ideal afternoon for mounted sports.

At the grounds the Dragoons had made every preparation possible for the comfort and protection of their guests, seats were provided and the grounds roped off so that skittish nags had plenty of room to extend themselves without butting into the spectators. By the time that the events got under way there was probably the largest crowd that has yet attended an event of this kind lining the ropes round the field, and occupying the service wagons, which were provided with chairs for the official guests. A pleasant feature was the attendance of a number of officers, in uniform, from the United States Army Post at Fort Ethan Allen, who took a keen interest in the various events.

Although only seven events were on the programme, enough enthusiasm, enjoyment, surprises and thrills were experienced as would fill a whole day's sports. The soldiers were mounted on magnificent horses, and in the jumping events the applause was loud and long. In the tent pegging competition the horses came down the course at full gallop and the men leaned over to the side and pulled pegs out of the ground with the points of their swords. In event five, the horses were galloped over jumps, up to the mouth of blazing guns, the riders dismounting, picking up dummies, supposed to be wounded men, and bringing them back to safety.

Several new competitions featured the programme for the day, pig sticking and the ball and basket, both of which were new to the spectators. Much sympathy was aroused before the event, among the fair sex, over the poor pig but after seeing the "animale" that was trotted out at the end of a rope they promptly transferred their sympathy to those of the

competitors who made futile jabs at it as it careered down the field. In order to allay any action by the S.P.C.A. it is best to say that the pig was an old kit bag stuffed to capacity at which the competitors rode full speed and attempted to mark with the whitened end of a long pole representing a lance.

In the jumping events, both among the officers and among the N.C.O.'s and men some very pretty work by both riders and mounts was shown, drawing merited applause from the spectators. Of course among both there were some nags that would show off a bit, pretending to be shy; one of these being "Scotty" ridden by the C.O. Just what this popular officer said to his mount while it was doing its little stunt, and what one of the N.C.O.'s whispered to his, when it absolutely refused to have anything to do with the jump at all, we will leave to the imagination of our readers.

The van Straubenzie Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Allan Case, Toronto (in memory of the late Col. C. T. van Straubenzie, R.C.D., killed in action) for the jumping competition among the officers went to Major E. L. Caldwell, R.C.D., whose mount "Mickey" went the round in faultless style. Lt. L. D. Hammond's save from a fall after his horse was brought to its knees by hitting a bar, was an exhibition of real horsemanship.

The day's events were unmarred by accidents until almost the end of the final race, that of a mile and a half across country, when Trooper Kelly's horse fell in the south field and he sustained several fractured fingers and a damaged arm, and, just at the finish

when Trooper Bilton's horse stepped in a hole and fell, fortunately he escaped with a shaking up. Taking it all round it was the most successful day's sport yet given by the Squadron, it was a grand success from start to finish.

Quite a "family party" appearance was given to the affair by the presence of twelve petty officers and four men from H.M.S. Valerian, and the following United States officers from Ethan Allen Fort, Vermont: Col. Hollyday (7th Field); Col. Mann (3rd Cavalry); Capt. Neilson (3rd Cavalry); Capt. Turner (3rd Cavalry); Lieut. Chase (3rd Cavalry); Lieut. Whelen (3rd Cavalry); Lieut. Mickett (7th Field); Lieut. Ewing (Vet. Corps); and Lieut. Seithers (7th Field); as well as Capt. Nicolas Alexandrovitch Kaesborg, son of Admiral von Kaesborg, of the Russian Navy.

After the programme was finished the prizes were presented by Mrs. Armstrong, wife of the Colonel Commandant of the District, and Mrs. D. B. Bowie. Then the invited guests of the officers repaired to the Officer's Mess where tea was served, and like proceedings took place in the Sergeants' Mess and the N.C.O.'s and Men's Mess. The hospitality of these Messes is so well known that further comment is unnecessary.

The following is a list of the officials and the events with the names of the prize winners.

Officials.

Judges—Brig.-General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., colonel commandant, M.D. 4; Colonel M. A. Piche, R.C.A.V.C.; Lieut.-Col.

Alex. Paterson, R.S.O.; J. C. Wray, Montreal Hunt Club; Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D.; Major E. L. Caldwell, R.C.D.; Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., R.C.D.; Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D.; Sergt.-Instr. G. C. Hopkinson, R.C.D. (I.C.).

Starter—Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell, R.C.D. (I.C.).

Clerks of the course—Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle, R.C.D. (I.C.); Farrier S.-Sgt. C. H. Hill, R.C.D.

Recorder—S.-Sgt. W. T. Ellis, O.R.C., R.C.D.

Events.

No. 1—Pig sticking—1, Tpr. McKerrall (silver cup); 2, Tpr. Wheeler (pewter); 3, Tpr. Penny (safety razor).

No. 2—Ball and basket race—1, Tpr. Adams (silver cup); 2, Sergt. Sheehy (pewter); 3, Tpr. Lawrence (silver mounted belt).

No. 3—Jumping—1, Corp. Jennings (silver cup); 2, Tpr. Gardner (pewter); 3, Sergt.-Major Smith (riding whip).

No. 4—Tent pegging—1, Corp. Neeves (silver cup); 2, Tpr. Adams (pewter); 3, Lance-Corp. Lecerte (safety razor).

No. 5—V. C. race, six riders in each heat—1, Tpr. Gardner (silver cup); 2, Corp. Gilmore (pewter); 3, Corp. Jennings (riding whip).

No. 6—Officers' jumping, Straubenzie Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Allan Case, Toronto, an ex-officer of the squadron—1, Major E. L. Caldwell.

No. 7—Hurdle race, about 1½ miles—1, L.-Cpl. Ttanyar (silver cup); 2, Tpr. Mercier (pewter); 3, Tpr. Penny (silver mounted belt).

Challenge Cup for highest aggregate—Tpr. Gardner, 11 points.



The Prizes presented at the Mounted Sports, "A" Squadron, R.C.D.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES SERGEANTS' MESS AN- NUAL SHOOT.

The presentation of prizes, won by the members of the Station Sergeants' Mess at the Annual Shoot, at Pointe au Trembles, afforded the Mess a perfectly valid excuse to hold a smoking concert, which was held accordingly on the evening of Sept. 22nd. A cordial invitation was extended to all the

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tradesmen in the City who kindly contributed to the prize list to be present.

While the company was assembling, Mattie Ford, conversing with what was to him a perfect stranger, remarked—"I hear a guy named Caldwell is to hand out the prizes this year. I hope he's as witty as that fellow, Armstrong, was last year." The stranger agreed by replying, "I hope so." "I wish this guy Caldwell would hurry up," said Mattie. "Do you think he'll be late?" "No, I don't think so," replied the stranger. Mattie's face was quite a picture when the stranger was introduced shortly afterwards as Major Caldwell, but he quickly recovered his poise with the help of his Hibernian guile.

Major Caldwell, presenting the prizes, passed a few apt remarks to each shy recipient, and concluded with a clever and tactical treatise on the mental characteristics of the English, Scotch and Welsh peoples. The talk was tactical in as much as he very conveniently forgot that part relating to the Irish.

Mattie Ford opened the artistic part of the programme with an improvised alphabetical monologue, and unfortunately placed himself in the position of a demagogue.

Mr. Ellis was very clever with an accordion solo, and was so overcome by his own music that he subsided gracefully in a glass of beer which was on his chair.

Sgt. Scrivens, R.C.A.M.C. sang a sentimental ballad, the only understandable word of which was—Muvverr. This song probably explained why boys leave home.

Staff Sgt. Hill's impersonation of a "blacksmith at leisure," was thought highly discreditable to blacksmiths.

An excellent programme was carried out to a late hour when the company retired, satisfied with the comfortable thought—an evening well spent.

The following is the list of prizes, with the names of the donors, presented for the highest aggregate scores made at the Annual Sergeants' Mess Shoot held at Pointe aux Trembles on September 19th:—

Sgt. T. B. Sheehy, R.C.D., pipe with case, Mr. P. J. O'Caïn.

Sgt. J. King, R.C.D., rug, Lesieur Freres.

Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell (I.C.), box of cigars, Mr. G. W. Smith, Frontenac Hotel.

S.Q.M.S. J. Snape, R.C.D., camera, Bourgeois Drug Store

Q.M.S. P. Muise, R.C.A.M.C., fountain pen, Latour & Dupuis.

Q.M.S. A. Mauchan, R.C.E., box of stationery, Mr. J. L. Pinsonnault.

Sgt. Instr. G. C. Hopkinson, R.C.D., camera, Mayor P. Trahan.

S.M.(A) J. Mountford, R.C.D., Gillette safety razor, Chas. Fredette.

Sgt. W. Barker, R.C.D., Sterna stove outfit, J. C. Harbec & Son.

Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle (I.C.) fountain pen, Benoit & Co.

S/Sgt. Far. C. Hill, R.C.D., box cigars, Windsor Hotel.

A/Sgt. E. Barraclough, R.C.D., Gillette safety razor, Giroux & Poulin.
S/Sgt. W. C. Ellis, R.C.D., flash-light, Sabourin Drug Store.

S.S.M. C. W. Smith, R.C.D., camera, Mr. Geo. O'Caïn.

Sgt. S. O'Donnell, R.C.A.M.C., shaving lotion, Regnier Drug Store

Sgt. W. Campbell, R.C.D., military hair brushes, Mr. J. P. Meunier.

Honorary Members.

Mr. Geo. Ellis, umbrella, Frs. Payette.

Mr. W. Ross, box cigars, L. D. Trudeau.

Rapid Fire Contest.

Q.M.S.I. A. M. Doyle (I.C.), R.C.D., box of stationery, Bernard Fils.

A/Sgt. E. Barraclough, R.C.D., fountain pen, L. D. Marchessault.

Sgt. J. King, R.C.D., pocket knife, C. O. Gervais.

S.Q.M.S. J. Snape, R.C.D., cigarette case, J. H. Racicot.

S.M.(A) J. Mountford, R.C.D., half dozen Mazda lights, S. Canada Power Co.

S/Sgt. C. W. Ellis, R.C.D., jardiner, O. Langlois & Co.

S.S.M. C. W. Smith, R.C.D., a pair of slippers, Geo. St. Germain.

Q.M.S.I. J. H. Dowdell (I.C.), R.C.D., B.B.B. pipe, Cann & Strickland.

Q.M.S. P. Muise, R.C.A.M.C., groceries, Dominion Stores.

S/Sgt. Far. C. Hill, R.C.D., box cigars, V. Mailloux.

Q.M.S. A. Mauchan, R.C.E., necktie, I. Hevey.

Sgt. W. Barker, R.C.D., salad dressing, E. Mayrand.

Sgt. Instr. G. C. Hopkinson, R.C.D., bottle of liqueur, Mr. Chagnon.

Major Caldwell presented the prizes to the winners of the rifle shooting.

Honorary Member Matt. Ford entertained the Mess to several selections which were greatly appreciated.

"B" Squadron News, Toronto.

Major W. Baty, Major F. Sawers, M.C., Sgt. Hallett, J. M.; Cpl. Manning, E. J.; and Cpl. Harding, F. W., are having a ~~short~~ course at the Canadian Small Arms School, Ottawa.

Sgt. Buell, A., and Cpl. Pritchard, J., are doing likewise at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont. It is expected that our brave heroes from Kingston will require the present site of the gymnasium to be moved to a more spacious area, probably will have to lease the "Arena" in the Exhibition Grounds for a period of 99 years so as to enable them to give "B" Squadron some of their tips as taught in Kingston, and a rough time in gymnastics. Our gymnastic instructors would not care to choose an early death, if this is the case.

Tpr. Cox, P. G., is to be congratulated on an increase in the family of a bonny baby boy. He has been granted a furlough of two weeks to train his heir on how to do things as Dada does.

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Post" at Niagara Camp, Ont. Perhaps our notable Provost would kindly inform my anxious enquirers.

"B" Squadron commenced to fire their Annual Musketry on the 10th September, 1923 at Long Branch Rifle Ranges, Ont., with splendid results. Ever since the first day of firing, everyone has had "Bovril" from the BULLS scored.

Who stole the cat's milk in the Men's Mess room?

It is rumoured that S.S.M. Karcher, M.M., and Sgt. Rowe are to be married shortly and Paddy Walsh is to be best man. (Congratulations, and it's about time some thing happened.)

When is Jacky Hilton going to follow Harry Karcher and Jack Rowe?

What is our "Willie" doing around M.D. No. 3?

"B" Squadron have been congratulated for turning out the best Musical Ride in Canada. Having had very little practice this year, succeeded in turning out a fine show at the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Ont., this

year, as in the past. "B" Squadron put on a Musical Ride at Bowmanville, Ont., on the 18th and 19th September, 1923.

Cpl. E. W. Hare has been admitted to hospital with sciatica. We wish him a speedy recovery. Cheer up, Teddy.

Will S.S.M. J. Copeland, D.C.M. tell the troops what kind of a reception did he get on his fraternal visit to the "London Scottish."

Where did Sgt. J. Mathews go on his three weeks' furlough? and how did he work it?

Will the Mail Orderly (Tpr. J. A. McDonald) please tell the Marines, the yarns he has been telling the troops during the past month.

Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., paid us a brief visit on the 22nd September, 1923 on his return from Winnipeg.

R.C.D. Football XI., Toronto 1923.

Sgt. Oliver, Cpl. Harding, Tpr. Lander, Tpr. Webb, Sgt. Tamlyn, Major Timmis, Cpl. Galloway, Q.M.S.F. Hogan, Sgt. Buell, Tpr. Cox, Tpr. Durrant. Reserves—Tpr. Rowntree and Tpr. Donaldson.

During the 1923 season our team has been handicapped on account of being away all the summer, and were unable to play in the league with which they were affiliated. A few friendly games were played.

Who was the Lance Corporal who asked the S.S.M. whether he would like the targets at Long Branch Rifle Ranges put up behind the firing point, or in front of the Butts.

It is proposed to hold a Mounted Sports at Toronto early in October. The following events will be held:

1. N.C.O's Jumping.
2. Men Jumping.
3. Half section jumping.
4. N.C.O's Dummy Thrusting.
5. Men Dummy Thrusting.
6. V.C. Race.
7. Bareback wrestling by troop teams.
8. Individual Turn-out.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Squadron Inter-Troop Challenge Cup.

It is proposed to compete for this Cup during October 1923.

On Furlough.

Trooper Groves has gone on furlough for a period of 6 weeks, visiting his parents in London, Eng. We trust he has a nice journey, and spends a fine time.

Sgts. Tamlyn and Sayger proceeded on a three weeks' furlough. Hope a fine time has been spent on your long wanting vacation; however, be careful Charlie, Tam is on the path.

Memory Was First Class.

Binks after inviting his friend Jinks to dinner, was telling him about the remarkable memory of his little son, Bobby. "And do you think he will remember me?" asked Jinks.

"Remember you? Why certainly he will."

An hour after they entered the house and after Jinks had greeted Mrs. Binks he called Bobby over to him.

"And do you remember me, my little man."

"Course, I do. You're the man that pa brought home last year, and made ma so wild about it that she didn't speak to pa for a week."

He's Not Always Effective—Someone has discovered that it takes 140 nuts to keep a car together and only one to hold it on the road.—Rainy River Record.

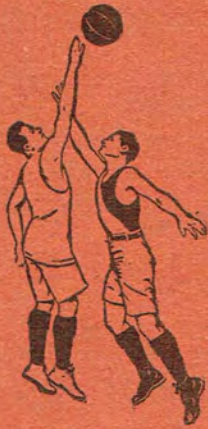
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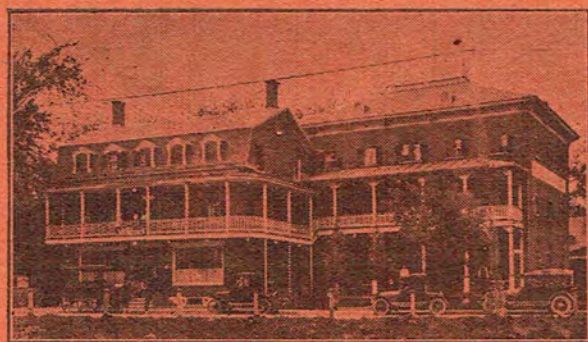
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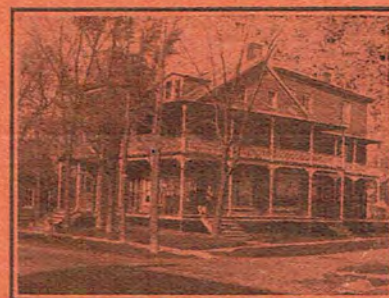
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